December 1st 34.

Confidential

Dear Mr. Jacot-Guillarmod,

With reference to your letter dated November 27, 1934, I have caused inquiries to be made regarding Mrs. Ruth Driskell, and find that she left on November 6 by the "Empress of Japan" for Manila where her address is c/o Manila Hotel. It is said that Miss Naylor of the Land Office of the American Consulate attends to business matters on behalf of Mrs. Driskell.

Yours sincerely,

JKG

L. Ch. Jacot-Guillarmod, Esq.,
Swiss Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

D.C. (Br.)
Information. Kent has also left Shanghai.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date November 30, 1934

Subject (in full) Communication from Swiss Consul-General re. Mrs. Ruth Driskell.

Made by D.S. Poole Forwarded by O B Cox S.I.

At about 6.30 a.m. on the 23rd September 1934 a telephone message was received by Hongkew Station that a foreign female had been admitted to the General Hospital suffering from injuries received in an accident in the French Concession.

On enquiries being made it was ascertained that the patient's name was Mrs. Ruth Diskell, American, [redacted], who was residing at 153 Route de Soeurs, French Concession. At this time she was bleeding profusely from a wound in the head.

Further enquiries showed that about 5.45 a.m. on the 23.9.34 Mr. V. Ackerman, residing at 150 Rue de Roi Albert, French Concession, was walking along Rue Bourgeat near Route Vallon when he saw the injured woman wandering about the street bleeding from a head-wound. He placed her in a ricsha with the intention of taking her to a police station, but on Avenue Joffre saw the French Municipal Ambulance and called upon it to take the woman to the General Hospital. The patient demanded that she be attended by her own doctor Dr. R.J.B. Branch of 8 Route Adina, French Concession, who immediately attended the hospital. After his preliminary examination he stated that he suspected that the patient had been shot in the head. There was a small puncture on the right side of the skull but no mark of exit of the bullet if such were the injury. The woman at this time stated that she believed she had been shot.

At about 11 a.m. on September 23rd 1934 Mr. E.L. Faupel, U.S. Marshal, and Chief Inspector Valentain of the French Police came to Central Station and requested assistance to interview a Mr. R. Kent, British subject residing at No.114 Verdun Terrace, French Concession, regarding Mrs. Driskell.

They stated that Mrs. Driskell was last seen at about

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Please furnish particulars of manner in which Mrs Ruth Driskell made her living.
Is Kent's occupation known?

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10 p.m. 22.9.34 in company with Mr. Kent in her apartment at 153 Route des Soeurs and they thought that he might be able to enlighten them as to the way she came by her injuries.

As Mr. Kent is a British subject it was thought that permission to interview him might be had from a British Consular Official but all attempts to get in touch with any of them failed.

The D.D.O."A" was then communicated with who instructed that the party was to be accompanied to French Concession by a foreign detective to watch the enquiries. On arrival it was found that Mr. Kent had already made the following statement:-

"At 8 p.m. September 22 in company with four others I attended a dinner party at Mrs. Driskell's apartment. After dinner, at about 10 p.m. I went home and changed and returned to rejoin the party. Then together with Mrs. Driskell we all went to the Canidrome Ballroom, where we stayed till about 12.30 a.m. September 23. We then went together to the Delmonte Cafe where Mrs. Driskell and I had an argument which resulted in Mrs. Driskell leaving the place alone at about 3.30a.m. and she went away in a hired motorcar. At about 4 a.m. I left the Delmonte with a lady friend; one of our party, accompanying her to her home where I stayed with her till 10a.m. Sept. 23."

At about 1 p.m. 23.9.34 Mr. Faupel visited Mrs. Driskell in the hospital and found her conscious. She informed him that when she entered a hire car at the Delmonte Cabaret she lost consciousness and could not recollect anything that happened after.

Inquiries by the French Police failed to locate the hire car, the number of which is unknown, neither could the ricsha

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On the 25.9.34 Mrs. Driskell returned home from the Hospital and gave a statement to the U.S. Marshal and the French Police.

She stated that after attending a party at the Delmonte Cafe she returned to her residence in a hire car. Here she discovered that she had neglected to take her front door key which was then with Mr. Kent. As she had dismissed the car she engaged a ricsha to convey her back to the Delmonte. Whilst proceeding along Rue Bourgeat the ricsha coolie slipped and overturned the ricsha. Her head struck a sharp stone which caused the head injury. She then intended to go to her nearest friend's house which happened to be Mr. Kent's, to get first aid. However she lost consciousness and never reached her destination.

The French Police have classified this affair as an accident.

On November 6th 1934 Mrs. Driskell left Shanghai on the "Empress of Japan" for Manila. Her address there is c/o the "Manila Hotel". She has no intention of returning to Shanghai. A Miss Naylor of the Land Office of the American Consulate is acting as her representative in Shanghai for any transactions which she may have forgotten.

JR

Reg.,
Please ascertain if there is a file about the inquiries made in September.
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Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch.)

Central Stn. Misc. 250/34 attached.
A.O.D.

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE SUISSE
SHANGHAI
POUR TOUTE LA CHINE.

SHANGHAI November 27th 1934.

TELEG. ADR. SWISSCOLAT
A. B. C. 5ÈME & 6ÈME ED.
BENTLEY'S COMPLETE & SECOND PHRASE CODE

REFERENCE NOTRE J.- VI 235/2382
VOTRE

Mr. T.P. Givens,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

Dear Mr. Givens,

I am trying to find here in Shanghai Mrs. Ruth Driskell.

She used to live at 267 Kiangse Road, 400 Avenue Haig, 153 Route des Soeurs. Then after an accident she was conveyed on the 23rd of September 1934 to the General Hospital.

Do you have any records on her ?

I remain,
dear Mr. Givens,
Yours faithfully,

Consul General.

* No record in Sp. Br. Registry 166

On est prié de joindre à toute demande l'affranchissement pour la réponse et de ne traiter qu'un objet par lettre.

S2, For attention please. JHG

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